

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



JOIN US FOR Happy Hour

February 15, 2024 | 5:00pm - ???

SOCAVON

Near Roots Latin Grill on Wabash

Food will be available to order (from Roots menu) and of course, drink specials.

Dining Out

Blue MARGARITAS

MEXICAN BAR & GRILL

3151 Horizon Drive

Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024
Cocktails at 5:30 | Dinner at 6:00

Reservations are required by noon on Monday, January 29, 2024

Don Broughton, Dining Out Chairman
Brought617@gmail.com

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Springfield Ski and Travel Club membership is now the highest we have had in the last 10 years!!!!

While celebrating the phenomenal growth of the club, it is important to remember the reason the club has been such a success. This club is an all-volunteer club that really works when members offer their time and energy to keep the progress going.

Looking forward to the new year offers us all a new beginning and brings new opportunities to get engaged in SSTC activities and events. Join in the club events and make new acquaintances and friendships as you get involved.

The Day Trips committee has been meeting to create new trips for the membership. The International Tours committee is putting together a new international trip. The April sign-up party scheduled for April 6th at the Aqua Club will give all members a chance to sign up for the fun upcoming trips.

A new member told me that by volunteering on a committee she was able to meet more members and become more engaged in the activities. I urge all of you to consider volunteering for any of the committees that make our club such a success. This contribution is rewarding in giving back to the club with your time and energy and is one more way to stay social in the club. As the time comes to renew your membership, think about your interests and mark on your annual membership form any activities you would be interested in volunteering.

SSTC rewards volunteers with a total of ten service hours. Service hours can be used for early sign-up for trips before they sell out. The more members we have volunteering - the more activities and trips we can offer. Think about it... Let's rock 2024!!

At your service,
Debi Barr-Holquist
President
Springfield Ski & Travel Club

SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out

March 7, 2024
TBD

Happy Hour

March 21, 2024
Legacy Pointe Grill

DON'T MISS THIS DAY TRIP!

JOSEPHINE'S TEA ROOM

March 5, 2024

Trip Leader: Mary Lou Jackson - (217) 891-0738

13-Day Northern Italy Tour

May 1-14, 2024

Mike Bloechle - 217-787-1010

m.bloechle@comcast.net

Prague, Dresden & Berlin Tour

September 27 - October 8, 2024

Mary Harney - 217-725-1443

Bill Bernard - 217-741-4149

wrb2154@gmail.com

Spectacular Scandinavia

Get ready for an extraordinary adventure to the land of the Vikings: Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.

Here's your opportunity to experience staggering natural beauty, contemporary architecture nestled in timeless historic city centers, picturesque harbors, awe-inspiring fjords, and what Rick Steves describes as Europe's most spectacular train ride.

At the April 6th sign-up party, you can become a part of this amazing two-week tour that begins on May 1, 2025.

The trip cost is \$6400 for double occupancy and an additional \$1300 for a single.

Join me to have the time of your life!

Pat Chesley, Trip Leader

ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President.....Debi Barr-Holquist
 Executive VP..... Mary Schackmann
 Treasurer.....Teresa Watkin
 Secretary..... Ruth Kopec
 VP for MembershipSue Monteyne
 VP for Day Trips Jan Freeman
 VP for Tour Trips.....Nancy Chesley
 VP for Ski Trips..... Rich Jachino
 VP Events Joyce Ludwig
 Finance ChairCarol Johnson
 Publicity Chair/Happy Hours Chair ..Tim Phillips
 Dine Out ChairDon Broughton
 Snowjourn EditorAmy Dodd
 Skier Development..... Gary Kindred
 Community Service..... Ed Huntley
 Sports Director Jean Courtney-Jacobs
 WebmasterLois Bloechle

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Rose Johnson | Richard F. Herndon
 Deb & Frank Natale | Kathryn Jeanne Imler
 Mary Jo Key | Paul La Mantia

FEBRUARY Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Jan Freeman	1	Patricia K. Pace-Halpin	11	Kitsie Moore	20
Melissa Dannenberger	1	Julie Hubbard	12	Michael Blair	20
Gail Hunter	1	Sandy Goodner	12	Pam Walters	20
Garrett Johnson	2	Sandy Dunn	12	Donna Burke	20
Richard R. Williams	3	Kent Trexler	12	Julie McQuality	21
Michael Kane	3	Dinah Willard	13	Andrea Trexler	22
Dave Colburn	4	Gary Stockton	13	RoyceAnne Scoville	22
Kelly Costello	7	Lynn Bierma	13	Patti Baird	22
Diane Holdreith	7	Brenda Stimac	14	Norma Brantley	22
John Enrietto, Jr.	7	Lindsay S. Hahn	14	John Hawkins	22
Michelle Rowe	8	Michael Sherman	15	Steve Wright	25
Alicia Bibb	8	Michael S Bohn	17	Karen O'Beirne	25
Shirley Lilly	9	Mary Valasek	17	Kristi Katcher	25
Anne King	9	David Scoville	17	Richard F Herndon	27
Jan Joyce	10	Geri Zamco	18	Diane Urbanckas	27
Barbara Tanzyus	11	Deb Philo	18	Jana Kincaid	28
Mary Mucciante	11	Lynn Kowalenko	19		

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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DON'T MISS OUT

The current board's goal is to make sure you are in the know!

How do I find out what is scheduled?

- First, an eblast is sent alerting you to an event or activity. An eblast is an email sent to all members. All eblast have SSTC in the subject line.
- Next, the event is promoted on Facebook. Follow us on Facebook. Facebook is used to promote events and is not monitored daily. If you have a question, please contact the board member or trip leader directly. Their contact information is in the eblast or our directory.
- In addition, it is on your website's calendar. www.springfieldskiclub.org. Your newsletter, the Snowjourner, also provides you with events and activities. The Snowjourner is published online at the beginning of each month. An eblast, along with a notice on Facebook lets you know of its availability. If you paid for a mailed copy, it is always sent at the first of the month, and is subject to the priorities of the postal system. Usually there is a delay, and events may have already happened. My advice is be proactive, check other sources.

I'm not getting eblasts. Who should I contact?

- First, check your junk mail. Sometimes, depending on your email system, email is automatically routed there.
- Next, if your email has changed, or you would like an email added, notify the VP of membership. (The email used is the one listed on the membership application)

I have a family membership. Can more than one email be used to receive the eblast?

- Absolutely, just send the additional email addresses to the VP of membership.

Remember, to watch for Eblast, Facebook post, and the website to stay In the Know!

Be Our Guest

Bring a guest to the next SSTC Happy Hour!

If you know someone who is interested in our amazing club, why not invite them?

As a general rule, a nonmember may attend two gatherings. Afterwards, we hope they consider membership.

Please note because reservations, event planning, cost and capacity are considerations given to major events such as the Christmas Party, participation is offered to members only.

Happy Hour is the perfect place to introduce your friends to our incredible club and there is one monthly!

Mary Schackmann
Executive Vice President

BOWLING at KING PIN LANES

Beat the "winter blahs" by joining fellow Ski Club members for an afternoon of bowling.

Friday, March 1, 2024 | 4:00 - 6:00 pm
King Pin Lanes | 3115 E. Sangamon Avenue

Bowling costs \$5.00 per game or \$27.00 per hour for one lane. Shoe rental is \$3.00.

Members are responsible for their bowling costs.

The lounge will be open all day and food is available until 2:00 pm and again starting at 4:30.

You don't need a team! Just show up and join in the fun.

Non-bowlers are welcome.

See you on March 1st.

Jean Courtney-Jacobs, Sports Chairman



UNDERSTANDING VOLUNTEER HOURS

Have you enjoyed SSTC's monthly dining out, day trips, sporting activities, monthly happy hours, or international travel? Have you enjoyed holiday parties, summer picnics at Larry Michaud's, or an Oktoberfest at Roger Schnelten's?

We are an "all-volunteer" club. These opportunities are a possibility for all club members through the generosity of donating time and talent. Countless hours are spent behind the scenes creating international trips, day trips, parties, processing membership information, publishing the directory, creating fliers, writing Snow-journer articles, processing membership information, choosing venues, hosting parties, and leading activities. *Most importantly volunteer hours are a way for you to get to know other club members, even if you have a lifetime membership.*

Did you know that your volunteer hours can earn you early sign-up privileges at our trip sign-up parties?

Don't miss out. Trips often have limited space. Those members that accumulate 10 volunteer hours will, upon request to the executive vice president at least 14 days prior to the sign-up party, receive this certificate.

When is the next opportunity to use a certificate?

Vice Presidents and Chairpersons are responsible for submitting any hours earned to the executive Vice President. Next sign-up party is September 9th. There are many day trips, sporting activities and an international trip on the horizon. If you checked the volunteer box on the yearly membership application, the Vice President or Chairperson has a list with your name.

Who do I contact to earn volunteer hours?

On your membership application you checked a box indicating your area of interest for volunteering. You may be contacted from this list. In addition, ebcasts are sent offering opportunities. *My suggestion is don't wait... Be Proactive.* Contact a VP or Chairperson and let them know of your willingness to earn those hours. Each committee can always use help.

How far in advance of a trip do I need to earn the hours?

The cut-off for earning, submitting, and requesting a certificate is 14 days prior to the date of the sign-up party. Certificate holders have third priority sign-up privileges after executive board members and trip leaders. A hard copy of the certificate must be handed to the Trip Leader at the time of the sign-up. Securing this certificate also means that trip application requirements, certificate and check may be hand delivered to the Trip Leader prior to the sign-up event.

Note: 10 hours is needed for each trip.

If I have a certificate, am I guaranteed that I will have a spot on the trip?

A certificate does not guarantee a trip is locked in, but it does increase your chances of securing the trip you desire. Everything is based on the number of travelers a contract allows and the tier of applications received by the trip leader; board members, trip leaders, certificate holders, then all other members.

Interested in serving on the Executive Board?

You earn 10 volunteer hours for each year you serve on the executive board, plus you have first tier sign up. If you would like to be considered for an executive board position, contact the Executive Vice President.

CONTACT US

Do you have questions? We have answers.

SSTC has a new email address;
SSTCquestions@springfieldskiclub.org.

It is now linked directly with our website, Springfield Ski and Travel Club. www.springfieldskiclub.org

Thank you Lois Bloechle for all your detailed work in keeping this valuable resource up-to-date.

Check this site first to see what is happening.

The Snowjourner link is added the first of each month. This link also appears on Facebook the first of each month. Mailed Snowjourners are experiencing snail mail which is beyond our control. We understand your frustration but cannot remedy this situation. Our best advice is to familiarize yourself with our website.

Add the email address to your contacts. Bookmark the website on your technology. Your inquiries will be monitored daily. Your question will be directed to the exact board member qualified to answer your question.

Please note, questions asked through Facebook may go unnoticed as this source is not monitored 24/7.

SSTC Facebook page is reserved exclusively for promoting club events and activities.

SPRINGFIELD SKI and TRAVEL CLUB

Application Form for Trips/Sporting Events

☐ Ski Trip ☐ Tour Trip ☐ Day Trip ☐ Sporting Event
 (golf, bowling, tennis, billiards, etc.)

Trip/Sporting Event: _____ Date of Application: _____

Name*: _____ Member Number: _____

Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home#: _____ Cell#: _____ Work#: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone#: _____

Do you have any significant medical problems or do you require any special medications which your trip leader should be aware of? If yes, describe:

Complete this section for Ski or Tour trips only:

Male: ___ Female: ___ DOB: _____ DL#: _____ DL State: _____

Passport# (if international trip): _____ Passport Exp Date: _____

Roommate Preference: _____ Other Request: _____

Are you interested in: NASTAR racing? ___ Lessons? ___ Are you a skier? Yes ___ No ___

The Springfield Ski Club in good faith makes every effort to complete a scheduled activity or trip as advertised, and to accommodate the requests of its members. However, the Club will not be held responsible if arrangements are changed beyond our control or if specific requests cannot be honored. This includes, but is not limited to, changes in our itineraries, airline arrangements or schedules, hotel or condo reservations, destinations, and emergencies requiring a modification of any scheduled activity or trip. Your signature below warrants you have read and understand this statement.

I agree to make the appropriate published trip payments on the scheduled due dates.

I have also read and understand the trip policy statements on page two of this form and agree to abide by them.

As a participant of the trip described above: I voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski Club, its agents, officers, Board of Directors, or members liable for any accident or injury to myself, or for any loss of or damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

* For trips involving airline travel or overseas travel, your name must be written exactly as it appears on your passport or drivers license. Do NOT use nick-names.

For trip leader use only

Full Trip Price: \$ _____	App. No. _____	Wait List: _____
1 st Deposit: \$ _____	Partial Trip Price: \$ _____	Notes: _____
2 nd Deposit: \$ _____	Due: _____ / _____ / _____	Paid: _____ / _____ / _____
Final Payment: \$ _____	Due: _____ / _____ / _____	Paid: _____ / _____ / _____
Approved Refund: \$ _____	Total Paid: \$ _____	

STANDING RULE #2

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY (11/14/96), (Amended 5/13/99, 4/9/05 and 1/8/15)

"Cutoff" dates and non-refundable deposits for trips and activities may vary according to transportation, lodging or other associated deposits. Cutoff dates for trips and activities will be established for each trip or activity by the Executive Board and published in the monthly newsletter. All cancellations must be made to the Trip Leader in writing or via e-mail. Refunds will be made as follows:

1. For cancellations before the published cutoff date, a full refund of all monies paid will be issued in a timely manner, less any Executive Board-approved cancellation processing fee established and published in conjunction with the trip or activity advertisement in the monthly newsletter.
2. For cancellations after the cutoff date, refunds will be as follows:
 - a. For any trip or activity where the allotted number of spaces are completely reserved and a replacement can be found, a cancellation may be made and a full refund issued, less any processing fees, as described in paragraph 1, above, any time prior to the departure of the trip or the start of the activity, provided the replacement person pays the full amount due, in accordance with the payment schedule for the trip or activity.
 - b. If a replacement cannot be found, the member canceling the trip or activity may submit, in person, in writing, or via email, a request for a refund. This request must be sent to either the trip leader, the appropriate VP or directly to the Executive Board. The request must be submitted within 15 days after the scheduled start date of the trip or activity and shall state the reason for the cancellation and the amount of refund requested. Requests will only be considered by the Executive Board, and refunds will only be made, once the trip or activity is completed and the full financial statement has been submitted for review and approval, as described in Standing Rule #13. Any refund approved by the Executive Board will come from recoverable expenditures derived from the specific trip or activity and not from the Club's general fund.
 - c. Refunds will be distributed no later than 180 days after the first scheduled day of the trip or activity.

STANDING RULE #5

TRIP MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCT (11/14/96), (Amended 4/9/05 and 1/8/15)

1. All Trip Leaders shall be at least 21 years of age.
2. Trips shall be run as advertised, unless ski conditions, safety or wellbeing of trip participants dictate otherwise, in which case, the decision for an alternate plan rests with the Vice President of Ski Trips, Day Trips, or Tour Trips (as appropriate) or the President prior to departure. After departure, this authority rests with the trip leader.
3. Conduct by any individual which is offensive or hazardous to others or that does not project a good image of the Club could result in expulsion from the trip at the nearest place of public lodging or transportation by the authority of the trip leader. The trip leader will provide a review of the circumstances at the next Executive Board meeting with a board decision to maintain or cancel the individual's Club membership.
4. Individuals will be held responsible for any damage to personal or real property of others.
5. Club arranged accommodations cannot be shared with non-trip participants.

STANDING RULE #7

GROUND TRANSPORTATION SMOKING POLICY (11/14/96)

1. Smoking will only be allowed during scheduled stops approximately every two hours of travel, if requested. NO smoking inside the travel vehicle is allowed.
2. Trips under two hours in duration will be classified as "non-smoking trips."

STANDING RULE #8

PARTIAL SKI TRIP PACKAGES (11/14/96) (amended 4/9/05)

1. For trips involving a request to delete air (or other packaged form of transportation) service, only the actual cost of the ticket will be deducted from the trip price. The participant's portion of the club's overhead cost, including ground transportation to the airport or rail station used for the trip, will be included in the partial trip price.
 2. All requests for partial trip packages will only be honored to the point where the Club may drop reserved seats without penalty from the tour operator and/or the carrier.
 3. If a request for a partial trip participation is made and honored, the participant must make payment in the full amount within 5 days of the approval notification. A "partial" trip payment is not refundable unless the trip is canceled. CANCELLATION CUT-OFF DATES DO NOT APPLY. The club will not refund or attempt to "resell" partial trip packages should the participant drop from the trip any time after payment is made.
 4. Requests to exclude lift tickets from a trip package must be made at the time of sign up. Requests for partial trip packages, including lift tickets, will only be honored to the point where the Club may drop such tickets, or other items, without penalty or loss of income (including any comp). Unless otherwise approved by the Vice President of Ski Trips, the member requesting "no lifts" will pay the full trip price. After the trip is completed, the unused lift ticket will be returned by the Club to the tour operator or the ski area for possible refund. Any refund will then be made to the member by Club check. Refunds may not be possible if purchase and use of a lift ticket by all trip participants is required for the Club to receive a discounted "group rate."
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SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

DAY TRIPPIN.....WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN!

TITLE: Josephine's Tea Room/Aerie's Winery in Grafton

WHEN: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 leaving Meijer at 8:30 AM and returning approximately 5:30 PM

TRIP LEADER: Mary Lou Jackson, 217-891-0738

PRICE: \$61.00

We need a minimum of 30 participants (maximum 40 participants)

TRIP INCLUDES: Private chartered bus and shuttle van up to the winery

ACTIVITIES: We have reservations at 10:45 at Josephine's Tea Room. There will be plenty of time for shopping prior to the visit to the Winery. The price of your meal is not included.

SOLD OUT Join the Wait List



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- Cancel by September 23, 2023 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after September 23, 2023 and a replacement is found – a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after September 23, 2023 and no replacement is found – Executive Board approval is required to issue any refund.
- ***Refunds** are made after the trip is completed.



2025 Ski Kouncil Illinois Goes Italian

February 28 to March 8, 2025

The Ski Kouncil is going to Northern Italy to the largest skiing district in the Alps. Directly linked with the Sella Ronda Ski Tour, it is part of the Dolomiti Superski. Lodging is in the Hotel Azola in the town of Canazei in the Val di Fassa.

Package includes:

7 nights of double occupancy

Breakfast and dinner at the Hotel

Air from O'Hare to Venice

Round trip hotel transfer

Lift tickets not included (approx. \$400 for 5 days)

Estimated price is \$2,500. Based on double occupancy. Additional days in Venice are an option.

We will be accepting sign-ups for this trip beginning Dec. 6, 2023. To hold our hotel rooms we need a \$400 per person deposit payable to the Ski Kouncil IL. Contact Gary Kindred 217-494-1956 or garykindred55@gmail.com to sign up and follow up with a deposit check.

Canazei in Val di Fassa is in the province of Trento; a town of just under 2,000 inhabitants, located amongst important Dolomite groups and surrounded by the peaks of the Marmolada, Gruppo del Sella, and Sassolungo. A renowned tourist destination in summer and winter, it offers a variety of activities.

In Canazei you can ski and snowboard, in the beautiful ski areas of Alba Ciampac and Canazei Belvedere, all surrounded by the Dolomites: you can reach important passes like the Pordoi or the Sella, or you can enjoy a spectacular view of the Marmolada glacier. Non-skiers can reach the Sass Pordoi by cableway, walking from the centre of the town. It is known as the Terrace of the Dolomites because of its 9,600 ft. elevation.

The family run Azola Hotel is a 5 minute walk from the center in a quiet and sunny area away from the main road. The buffet breakfast is served with savory foods and home-made cakes. The dinner has a choice menu with a buffet of appetizers, vegetables and salads and a long list of desserts. The Azola hotel also offers themed dinners throughout the week.

Elevation in Canazei is 4,800 ft. The majority of the ski runs are rated as intermediate. The highest ski elevation is around 8,000 ft.

Trip insurance is available. If interested, I will give you the tour operator's recommendations.

SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB 13-DAY NORTHERN ITALY TOUR

WHEN: MAY 1-14, 2024 (Updated)

TRIP LEADER: Michael Bloechle – 1-217-787-1010 OR m.bloechle@comcast.net

PRICE:

- **Air and Land - \$5400*/person - double occupancy**
- **Land Only - \$4300*/person - double occupancy**
- **Single Supplement - \$1700* (five singles available)**
*Special Note: Prices are based on Vendor's best estimate, current airfare/fuel charges and the current exchange rate of the Euro. Each of these costs are subject to change before final purchase.
- Minimum number of participants is 30; maximum is 40

TRIP INCLUDES:

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport.
- Air transportation between Chicago-Munich and Milan-Chicago (Airfare is estimated and subject to change.)
- Hotels for 12 nights (3 nights in Bolzano, 3 nights in Venice, 2 nights in Bologna, 2 nights in Verona, 2 nights in Como). **Actual hotels may change based on availability.**
- Airport transfer, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change.
- Full time local tour guide and whispers.
- Buffet breakfast each day.
- Four lunches.
- Italian Welcome & Farewell Dinners.
- Three-course dinner in Venice.
- Gratuities for all group activities.
- Private modern A/C coach throughout the trip.
- Private boat transfers in Venice from coach terminal to hotel and vice versa.



VENICE

PAYMENTS:

- **1st Payment due at sign-up event - \$2400**
- **2nd Payment due 6/23/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1600 for single**
- **3rd Payment due 8/25/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1600 for single**
- **4th Payment due 10/27/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1500 for single**

The final payment (including land-only fees) may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator, airfare or from the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.

PASSPORTS AND VACCINATION CARDS: AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION. **Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date and have at least 3 blank visa pages for international travel.** ALSO SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION CARD SHOWING DATES FOR VACCINES AND BOOSTERS.

Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only):

- Cancel by April 29, 2023 – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between April 29, 2023, and June 23, 2023 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between June 24, 2023, and July 24, 2023 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel after July 24, 2023 – Your obligation is the full price of the trip plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Airfare Cancellation – Dates and amounts of refunds will be based on the airline policy after the airfares are published.

No refunds will be given for unused portion of the package.

All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.

ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.

Activities:

- Arrive in Munich, cross the beautiful alpine landscape of Bavaria and Austria to reach Bolzano with a stop in Innsbruck for lunch.
- Visit the Dolomite landscape.
- Travel the south Tyrolean wine road to Venice.
- Guided tour of Venice – Doge's Palace, St. Mark Square and the Rialto Bridge.
- Private boat excursions to Murano and Burano Islands.
- Visit to a glass blowing factory in Murano.
- Half-day guided tours in Bolzano, Venice, Bologna, Sirmione, Verona and Como.
- Visit to a Parmesan Cheese factory with tasting in Modena/Bologna area.
- Guided tour of Bologna – see the porticos, monuments and towers of what UNESCO has defined as the best-preserved medieval center in the world.
- Visit the Scaligero Castle and the ancient thermal baths in Sirmione.
- Visit Juliet's house with the famous balcony in Verona.
- Full-day guided tour in Lake Como.
- Cruise Lake Como to Bellagio.
- And a little time to explore this area on your own!!!



LAKE COMO

HOTELS: (Subject to change based on availability)

- Bolzano – 3 nights at the 4-star Hotel Stadt
- Venice – 3 nights at the 4-star Hotel Indigo Sant-Elena
- Bologna – 2 nights at the 4-star Starhotels Majestic
- Verona – 2 nights at the 4-star Hotel Indigo des Arts
- Como – 2 nights at the 4-star Hotel Metropole and Suisse

Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends at a minimum the purchase of trip insurance covering accident, sickness or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation either prior to or during the trip. Travelers are encouraged to purchase “Cancel for Any Reason” insurance if possible (be sure to compare coverage as some packages do not cover the full price of a trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB PRAGUE, DRESDEN & BERLIN TOUR

WHEN: September 27 – October 9, 2024

TRIP LEADER: Mary Harney, 217-725-1443
Bill Bernard, 217-741-4149
Email: wrb2154@gmail.com

PRICE:

- Air and Land - \$4,750*/person - double occupancy
- Land Only - \$3,650*/person - double occupancy
- Single Supplement - \$850*/person (six singles available)

**Special Note: Prices are based on Vendor's best estimate of current airfare/fuel charges and the current exchange rate of the Euro (1 EUR = \$1.11). Each of these costs is subject to change before final purchase.*

- Minimum number of participants is 21; maximum number of participants is 40.

TRIP INCLUDES:

- * Bus transportation to and from Lambert Airport, St. Louis, MO
- * Air transportation between St. Louis – Prague and Berlin – St. Louis (airfare is estimated and subject to change.)
- * Deluxe motorcoach throughout as per itinerary including all necessary fees, all taxes and charges for ground services
- * English speaking tour escort throughout from Prague airport to arrival in Berlin on October 5 (7 days)
- * Hotel for 11 nights including portorage of luggage in/out (4 nights in Prague, 3 nights in Dresden, 4 nights in Berlin)
- * Daily European breakfast buffet at hotels
- * Welcome dinner, 3-course dinner or buffet dinner at hotel
- * Bohemian Folklore dinner at local restaurant in Prague including beverages
- * Vltava Dinner Cruise for 2 ½ hours including buffet and welcome drink
- * 3-course dinner at local restaurant in Dresden
- * 3-course lunch including 1 glass of wine at Restaurant Vincenz Richter in Meissen, Germany
- * Farewell dinner at a typical German local restaurant in Berlin
- * Entrance fees and tours to all listed activities
- * Audio headsets for all city tours



PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

PAYMENTS:

- 1st Payment due at sign-up event on 9/9/23 - \$1200
- 2nd Payment due 11/9/23 - \$1200 per person double or \$1500 for single
- 3rd Payment due 01/9/24 - \$1200 per person double or \$1450 for single
- 4th Payment due 03/09/24 - \$1150 per person double or \$1450 for single

The final payment (including land-only fees) may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator, airfare or from the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.

PASSPORTS: AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION.
Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date.

Activities:

- Arrive in Prague and enjoy a private motor coach drive to our hotel where we will enjoy a welcome dinner.
- Full-day tour of Prague including the Historic Center, Old Town and Republic Square, Powder Tower, Tyn Church, Royal Way, Clam-Gallas and Kinsky Palaces and more. In the evening enjoy a marvelous cruise on the Vltava River which includes dinner.
- 2nd day – tour of Prague visiting many famous places on the left bank of the Vltava River including Hradčany Castle, Church of St. Nicholas, Lennon Peace Wall and the Charles Bridge. Dinner at the hotel.
- Optional half-day tour in Prague.
- While traveling from Prague to Dresden tour Terezin including a tour of Terezin Concentration Camp led by an expert guide. Also stop in the picturesque valley of České středohoří highlands in Zubrnice where we will enjoy an open-air museum and the Church of St. Mari Magdalena.
- Half-day guided tour of Dresden. Enjoy a drive through the romantic river landscape of the Elbe, past three palaces and vineyards. Cross over the historic bridge, “The Blue Wonder.” Stop at Pfund’s Dairy. Experience a walk through the city seeing the famous Semper Opera House and Bruhl’s Terrace, also known as the “Balcony of Europe.”
- Explore Meissen with our local guide. Discover porcelain manufacturing and the artisan district. Experience a special lunch at the famous wine-restaurant Vincenz Richter.
- Take a walking tour of the city of Luther, Wittenberg, on our way to the historic German city of Berlin.
- Guided sightseeing and orientation of Berlin including Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, remains of the Berlin Wall, Museum Island, Brandenburg Gate and more.
- Excursion to Potsdam to visit the famous Cecilienhof Palace and other sights.
- Visit Sachsenhausen memorial camp followed by a free afternoon in Berlin.
- Farewell dinner in one of Berlin’s beer hall restaurants.

HOTELS (Subject to change based on availability)

Prague – Hotel Adria, 4* (Wenceslas Square), Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 2024

Dresden – Hotel Amedia Plaza, 4*, Oct. 2-5, 2024

Berlin – B&B Hotel Alexanderplatz, 4*, October 5-9, 2024



DRESDEN, GERMANY

Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends at a minimum the purchase of trip insurance covering accident, sickness or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation either prior to or during the trip. Travelers are encouraged to purchase “Cancel for Any Reason” insurance if possible (be sure to compare coverage as some packages do not cover the full price of a trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only):

Cancel by September 29, 2023 – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between September 30, 2023, and October 31, 2023 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between November 1, 2023, and December 1, 2023 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel after December 1, 2023 – Your obligation is the full price of the trip plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Airfare cancellation – Dates and amounts of refunds will be based on the airline policy after the airfares are published.

No refunds will be given for unused portion of the package.

All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.

ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.

SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Membership Application May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024

Amount \$ _____

Date _____

ID # _____

(Club Use Only)

(Mail the completed form along with your check to Springfield Ski Club, P.O. Box 1146, Springfield, IL 62705)

Membership and Directory Information:

Full Name (s): _____ Category: ☐ Individual ☐ Family ☐ Lifetime

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone (s): (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address (s): _____

Type: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

Check for listing in Club Directory: ☐ Home Address ☐ E-Mail Address ☐ Home Phone ☐ Cell Phone

The Snowjourner, the club's monthly news letter is available online at www.springfieldskiclub.org. If you wish a copy to be mailed monthly, mark Yes _____. **There will be a \$20 fee for monthly mailing.**

Primary Membership Information:

First Name: _____ MI _____ Last Name: _____

Membership and Dues - Non-Refundable:

- ☐ \$20 Monthly newsletter
☐ \$40 Individual (over age 21)
☐ \$50 Family (spouses and children under age 21)
☐ \$10 Reciprocal Membership (must be a member of one of the following clubs (indicate with a ✓):
☐ Bloomington ☐ Peoria ☐ Champaign
☐ Lifetime Member (must be member for 25 consecutive years)

Volunteer Hours (check at least one box)

- ☐ Board Member committee - (help plan events)
☐ Activities (volunteer at club events)
☐ Membership (volunteer at events, mailings)
☐ Community Service (approved events)
☐ Trip Leader for Ski, Day Trips, or Extended Travel
☐ Sports Coordinator (Billiards, Bowling, Golf, Tennis)
☐ Are you a skier?
☐ Other: _____

How did you discover our Club? (i.e., friend, website, radio ad, Club event): _____

Membership Data: (this information will never be published except to wish you happy birthday in the newsletter)

Name of Each Individual member (include yourself)	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Adult/ Child	Male/Female	Single/ Married

Anyone 21 years of age or older is eligible for membership in the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Family membership is one or two adults in the same household and their children (See Bylaws, Article IV, Bylaws and Constitution are available at www.springfieldskiclub.org). This membership entitles you to membership in the Ski Kouncil of Illinois (S.K.I.).

In applying for Springfield Ski and Travel Club membership, I (we) intend to participate in meetings and activities, uphold the constitution and by-laws, and abide by the decisions of the Executive Board. I (we) voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski and Travel Club, its agents, officers, Executive Board, or members liable for any accident or injury to myself, or for any loss of or damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____